HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 2118 Leroy Place, NW Agenda

Landmark/District: Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District X Consent Calendar

X Concept Review

Meeting Date: September 28, 2019 X Alteration

H.P.A. Number: 19-453 New Construction

Demolition

Gensler Architects, representing the Federation of State Medical Boards, seeks conceptual design review for exterior alterations to the rear of a three-story house in the Sheridan Kalorama Historic District.

Property Description

2118 Leroy Place is a three-story, brick and limestone Georgian Revival styled mansion. It was constructed in 1907 and designed by local architect Frederick Pyle for Samuel W. Woodward, one of the founders of the Woodward & Lothrop department store chain. [Alvin Lothrop's mansion, currently the Russian Trade Representation, is located a block away at 2001 Connecticut Avenue.]

Proposal

The proposal calls for removal of several small non-original rear additions. A new three-story rear stair enclosure would be built on the same footprint as one of the removed additions. Another addition would be replaced by open balconies facing the rear alley, and two portions of the rear elevation would be refenestrated with a steel frame window system.

Evaluation

The existing additions to be removed are not significant, and the proposed additions are subordinate and secondary to the primary mass of the house.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the concept compatible with the character of the property and the Sheridan Kalorama Historic District and to delegate final approval to staff.

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